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New York District

Food & Drug Administration
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WARNING LETTER

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Arie Van Tol, Manager
New York Marine Terminals
The Port Authority of New York & New Jersey
90 Columbia Street
Brooklyn, NY 11201

October 27, 2000

Ref: NYK-2001-7

Dear Mr. Van Tol:

During an October 2 and 3, 2000 inspection of your vessel watering point facilities located on Piers 9 and 10 in Brooklyn, New York, our investigator observed violations of the U.S. Public Health Service Act and its implementing regulations for the Control of Communicable Diseases and Interstate Conveyance Sanitation (Title 21, Code of Federal Regulations, Parts 1240 and 1250).

At the conclusion of the inspection, the investigator presented the Inspectional Observations (Form FDA 483) and Inspection Summary-Vessel Watering Point Sanitation (Form FDA 2521) (copies enclosed) to Barry Kravitz, General Maintenance Supervisor and discussed the findings with him. The following deviations were found:

1. There was no backflow prevention device in the line leading to the hydrant outlet at location Pit 2/Pier 10.

2. The hydrant supply lines and hydrant outlet were submerged in standing water at location Pit 1/Pier 9.

3. There were no caps and keeper chains on the hydrant outlets at locations Pit 1/Pier 9 and Pit 2/Pier 10.

The above identification of violations is not intended to be an all-inclusive list of deficiencies that may exist. As a result of these inspectional findings, a "Provisional" classification has been assigned for a 30 day period at which time a reinspection will be conducted. If significant improvements have not been made at that time, a "Not Approved" classification will be justified.

You should take prompt action to correct these observations. It is your responsibility to ensure that all requirements of the U.S. Public Health Service Act and its implementing regulations are being met. You should notify this office in writing, within 15 working days of receipt of this letter, of the specific steps you have taken to correct the noted violations.

Your response should be sent to the Food and Drug Administration, 158-15 Liberty Avenue, Jamaica, NY 11433, Attn: Bruce A. Goldwitz, Compliance Officer. If you have any questions, you can call Mr. Goldwitz at 718/340-7000 ext. 5582.

Sincerely,

Robert L. Hart
Acting District Director

Enclosures: Forms FDA 483 and FDA 2521